

**LOXAHATCHEE GROVES WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES OF ANNUAL LANDOWNERS MEETING - JUNE 22, 2009**

Call to Order at 7:30 P.M.

Roll Call: David DeMarois, Don Widing, John Ryan, and Darlene Crawford present.
Robert Snowball absent.

Also Present: Clete J. Saunier, P.E., District Administrator, Charles F. Schoech, Esquire, Frank S. Palen, Esquire, and Lynnette R. Ballard, Notary Public/Administrative Secretary.

Invocation / Pledge of Allegiance led by Clete J. Saunier.

SUBJECT: MEETING PROOF OF PUBLICATION. Mr. Saunier presented the proof of publication of the Notice of Annual Landowners Meeting which was published in The Palm Beach Post on Sunday, May 31 and Sunday, June 7, 2009.

MOTION: No motion was necessary.

ACTION: **NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.**

SUBJECT: ELECTION OF MEETING CHAIRMAN. Chairman DeMarois stated that a Meeting Chairman needs to be elected, and called for nominations from the floor.

MOTION: Elise Ryan nominated Bridget Subramanya as the Meeting Chairman. Ms. Subramanya accepted the nomination. Mr. DeMarois asked if there were any other nominations. There were none.

ACTION: **Bridget Subramanya was elected Meeting Chairperson. The Board of Supervisors yielded the dais and Chairman DeMarois passed the gavel to Bridget Subramanya, the Meeting Chairperson.**

SUBJECT: PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL REPORTS: AUDIT REPORT. Mr. Saunier presented an overview of the audit report for Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2008 as prepared by the District's auditing firm, Grau & Associates, Inc.

MOTION: No motion was necessary.

ACTION: **NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.**

SUBJECT: PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL REPORTS: ATTORNEY'S REPORT. Charles F. Schoech of Caldwell, Pacetti, Edwards, Schoech & Viator presented the Annual Attorney's Report. This report included all legal activity performed on behalf of the District by the Firm since the previous Annual Landowners' Meeting held on June 23, 2008.

MOTION: No motion was necessary.

ACTION: **NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.**

SUBJECT: PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL REPORTS: ENGINEER'S REPORT. Mr. Saunier presented the Engineer's Annual Report for June 2008 to May 2009.

MOTION: No motion was necessary.

ACTION: **NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.**

SUBJECT: EMPLOYEE AWARD PRESENTATION. Mr. Saunier presented Carmen Geraine with an award for five (5) years of dedicated service as the District's Clerk/Bookkeeper. Mr. Saunier stated Ms. Geraine has been an exemplary employee and has performed very well during the District's financial audits over the past five years.

MOTION: No motion was necessary.

ACTION: **NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.**

SUBJECT: BOARD COMPENSATION POLICY. Mr. Saunier stated the current Board Compensation Policy provides for Supervisor compensation of \$50.00 per meeting with the Chairman and the Secretary-Treasurer receiving an additional \$50.00 per meeting. Maximum annual amounts of \$650.00 for Supervisors, \$1,300.00 for the Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer are also stipulated.

The proposed Board Compensation Policy provides for Supervisor compensation of \$50.00 per day for the time actually engaged in work for the District and in attending sessions of the Board. This proposed policy complies with Chapter 298.14, Florida Statutes.

Mr. Saunier requested a motion to approve the proposed Board Compensation Policy, which provides for Supervisor compensation of \$50.00 per day for time actually engaged in work for the District and in attending sessions of the Board, to become effective October 1, 2009.

MOTION: Cindy Corum, 2452 "C" Road, made a motion to approve the proposed Board Compensation Policy, which provides for Supervisor compensation of \$50.00 per day for time actually engaged in work for the District and in

attending sessions of the Board, to become effective October 1, 2009. Ron Jarriel, 2800 161st Terrace North, seconded the motion.

ACTION: **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL LANDOWNERS PRESENT.**

SUBJECT: ELECTION OF SUPERVISORS – OVERVIEW OF ELECTION PROCESS.
Mr. Schoech provided an overview of the District's election process.

Mr. Schoech announced there are four (4) candidates who filed to run for the Board: Robert Snowball, David DeMarois, Darlene Crawford, and Roy Parks. Mr. Schoech stated there are three (3) vacant seats. Two seats for a 3-year term and one seat for a 2-year term.

Mr. Schoech explained that, according to the Statute, because the number of candidates exceeds the number of vacant seats, an election is required to be held this year. Mr. Schoech asked if there were any questions regarding the election process. There were a few questions from the audience.

Mr. Saunier stated the election seat orders are to be chosen by lot as required by the District's Election Policy. Mr. Saunier stated seats 1 and 2 shall be for 3-year terms, and seat 3 will be for a 2-year term. Mr. Saunier wrote the numbers 1-3 on slips of paper for Mr. Schoech to draw. Mr. Schoech drew Seat Number Two.

SEAT NUMBER TWO (3-YEAR TERM) – NOMINATIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF CANDIDATES. Ms. Subramanya, the Meeting Chairperson, called for nominations and/or declarations of candidates for seat number two.

MOTION: Claus von Grote made a motion to nominate **Robert Snowball** for seat number two. Ron Jarriel seconded the motion.

A landowner in the audience made a motion to nominate **Roy Parks** for seat number two. Another landowner in the audience seconded the motion.

A landowner in the audience made a motion to nominate **Darlene Crawford** for seat number two. Ms. Crawford declined the nomination for this seat.

Marge Herzog made a motion to nominate **David DeMarois** for seat number two. Mr. DeMarois declined the nomination for this seat.

Ms. Subramanya, the Meeting Chairperson, asked if there were any other nominations for seat number two. There were none.

The Meeting Chairperson announced the names of the two (2) candidates running for seat number two: Robert Snowball and Roy Parks.

Mr. Schoech invited the two candidates to introduce themselves.

Roy Parks, 14900 North Road, introduced himself and gave a brief speech regarding his desire to run for the District's Board of Supervisors.

Following Mr. Parks' speech, the Meeting Chairperson asked all members of the audience to write the name of the candidate they wish to elect on their ballots and place the ballot in the ballot box.

After all ballots were cast, the Meeting Chairperson directed the District's Accountant to collect the ballot box to tally the ballots and present the results.

SEAT NUMBER TWO (3-YEAR TERM) - ELECTION RESULTS. The District's Accountant announced the election results for seat number two as follows:

Robert Snowball	1,996 acres
Roy Parks	1,162 acres

ACTION: MR. SCHOECH DECLARED ROBERT SNOWBALL AS THE WINNER OF SEAT NUMBER TWO, FOR A 3-YEAR TERM.

Mr. Schoech drew Seat Number One from the remaining lots.

SEAT NUMBER ONE (3-YEAR TERM) – NOMINATIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF CANDIDATES. Ms. Subramanya, the Meeting Chairperson, called for nominations and/or declarations of candidates for seat number one, which includes a 3-year term.

MOTION: Ron Jarriel made a motion to nominate **David DeMarois** for seat number one. Dennis Lipp seconded the motion.

A landowner in the audience made a motion to nominate **Roy Parks** for seat number one. Another landowner in the audience seconded the motion.

A landowner in the audience made a motion to nominate **Darlene Crawford** for seat number one. Another landowner in the audience seconded the motion. Ms. Crawford declined the nomination for this seat.

The Meeting Chairperson asked if there were any other nominations or declarations for seat number one. There were none.

The Meeting Chairperson announced the names of the two (2) candidates running for seat number one: David DeMarois and Roy Parks.

Mr. Schoech invited the two candidates to introduce themselves.

David DeMarois, 12784 Compton Road, introduced himself and stated he has served on the Board of Supervisors for the past 12 years. He stated the Board has accomplished a lot over the past 12 years. He stated he would like to continue to serve the Loxahatchee Groves community for another three years.

Following Mr. DeMarois' speech, the Meeting Chairperson asked all members of the audience to write the name of the candidate they wish to elect on their ballots and place the ballot in the ballot box.

After all ballots were cast, the Meeting Chairperson directed the District's Accountant to collect the ballot box to tally the ballots and present the results.

SEAT NUMBER ONE (3-YEAR TERM) - ELECTION RESULTS. The District's Accountant announced the election results for seat number one as follows:

David DeMarois	1,990 acres
Roy Parks	1,166 acres

ACTION: MR. SCHOECH DECLARED DAVID DEMAROIS AS THE WINNER OF SEAT NUMBER ONE, FOR A 3-YEAR TERM.

SEAT NUMBER THREE (2-YEAR TERM) – NOMINATIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF CANDIDATES. Mr. Schoech explained that this seat carries a 2-year term because a former Board Member resigned from the Board in order to run for the Town Council, and the remaining term of the vacated seat is two years.

Ms. Subramanya, the Meeting Chairperson, called for nominations and/or declarations of candidates for seat number three.

MOTION: David DeMarois made a motion to nominate **Darlene Crawford** for seat number three. Ron Jarriel seconded the motion.

A landowner in the audience made a motion to nominate **Roy Parks** for seat number three. Another landowner in the audience seconded the motion.

Ms. Subramanya, the Meeting Chairperson, asked if there were any other nominations or declarations for seat number three. There were none.

The Meeting Chairperson announced the names of the two candidates running for seat number three: Darlene Crawford and Roy Parks.

Mr. Schoech invited the two candidates to introduce themselves.

Darlene Crawford, 3057 "E" Road, introduced herself and stated she has been involved in the community for the past several years. She stated she drives the District's roads daily and is aware of the road issues within the District. She stated she has served on the Board for the past three months, and would like to be able to serve the Loxahatchee Groves community for another two years.

Following Ms. Crawford's speech, the Meeting Chairperson asked all members of the audience to write the name of the candidate they wish to elect on their ballots and place the ballot in the ballot box.

After all ballots were cast, the Meeting Chairperson directed the District's Accountant to collect the ballot box to tally the ballots and present the results.

SEAT NUMBER THREE (2-YEAR TERM) - ELECTION RESULTS. The District's Accountant announced the election results for seat number three as follows:

Darlene Crawford	1,996 acres
Roy Parks	1,162 acres

ACTION: MR. SCHOECH DECLARED DARLENE CRAWFORD AS THE WINNER OF SEAT NUMBER THREE, FOR A 2-YEAR TERM.

OATH OF OFFICE. Lynnette R. Ballard, Notary Public, administered the Oath of Office to David DeMarois and Darlene Crawford simultaneously. NOTE: Robert Snowball was absent from the meeting.

Following the Oath of Office, Meeting Chairperson Bridget Subramanya yielded the dais to the newly-elected Board of Supervisors and passed the gavel back to Mr. David DeMarois.

COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC

Ron Jarriel, 2800 161st Terrace North, complimented Roy Parks on the hard work he exhibited on his campaign. Mr. Jarriel stated the Board has been doing a great job. He stated Ms. Crawford is an excellent addition to the Board of Supervisors.

Cindy Corum, 2452 "C" Road, stated Roy Parks made a great effort on his campaign.

COMMENTS BY THE SUPERVISORS

David DeMarois encouraged Roy Parks to remain active in the community, and stated he did an outstanding job on his campaign. Mr. DeMarois thanked Carmen Geraine for doing an excellent job as the District's Bookkeeper.

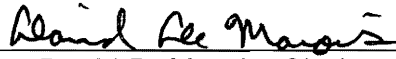
John Ryan thanked Carmen Geraine for doing an excellent job as the District's Bookkeeper. He complimented the District field staff for having an excellent safety record with the Safety Council of Palm Beach County for the past five years.

Don Widing stated this year has been a very progressive one. Next year will be a challenge due to the tough economic times. The District and Town have made great progress in their cooperative intergovernmental relations and will continue to do so.

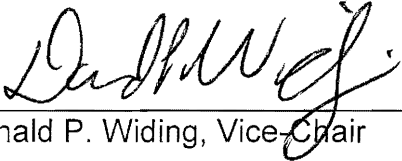
Darlene Crawford thanked the landowners for their support in electing her to the Board. She stated she looked forward to working with the residents of the Town, the Town Council, and all employees of the Town and District. She stated she would like to continue to make Loxahatchee Groves a safe place to live. She encouraged the landowners to advise the Board Members of any issues which the Board might be able to assist them.

David DeMarois thanked the District's Accountants, Rampell & Rampell, for their hard work on the District's Supervisor Election this year.

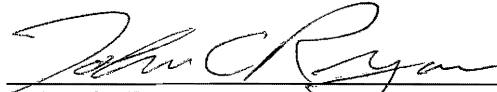
The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m.



David DeMarois, Chair



Donald P. Widing, Vice-Chair



John C. Ryan, Secretary-Treasurer



Robert Snowball, Deputy Secretary-Treasurer



Darlene Crawford, Supervisor